Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Name of the major industries
25.	Sikkim	Processing of cereals & pulses
26.	Tamil Nadu	Bee-keeping, Village Oil, Palmgur, Processing of cereals & pulses, Fruit Processing
27.	Tripura	Palmgur, Processing of cereals & pulses
28.	Uttar Pradesh	Bee-keeping, Gur & Khandsari, Processing of cereals & pulses, Fruit Processing
29.	West Bengal	Bee-keeping, Palmgur, Processing of cereals & pulses
30.	Uttaranchal	Bee-keeping, Gur & Khandsari

Proposal for developing cottage industries in Rajasthan

1183. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the Government of Rajasthan for developing cottage industries in the State; and

(b) the details of fund allocated to the State for this purpose during the last three years and the rate of development of cottage industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government allocates funds to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for implementing programmes and schemes for the development of agro and rural industries throughout the country including Rajasthan. The details of the funds released by

the KVIC to Rajasthan during the last three years and the additional employment generated are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds released	Additional employment created
2000-01	1748.29	24,410
2001-02	2839.69	46,724
2002-03	3035.64	43,040

U.S. help in nuclear power plants

1184. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA has declined to help India to set up nuclear power plants;

(b) whether the issue of possible Indo-U.S. cooperation in the civilian nuclear and space areas was raised by India in the recent talks with U.S.A.; and

(c) what are the areas where U.S.- India high technology cooperation would take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Government has not requested United States assistance in setting up nuclear power plants.

(b) Government is engaged in a dialogue with the United States to develop and expand civilian nuclear and space cooperation, after the United States lifted, in September, 2001, the sanctions imposed on India in May, 1998. This dialogue is predicated on India maintaining its indigenous nuclear weapons and missiles programmes.

(c) India and the United States have initiated five safety related projects for safeguarded nuclear facilities. Exchange of visits by U.S. and Indian nuclear regulatory officials has also commenced. In the area of space, the two sides have renewed the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in earth and atmospheric sciences. The United States has offered to resume cooperation in space applications